CHAPTER 187: INNOCENT PERSON

BY KOYOHARU GOTOUGE

TRANSLATION: JOHN WERRY

LETTERING: JOHN HUNT

UPON SAYING THAT, HE LASHED OUT.
"I AM NO LONGER INTERESTED IN SWORDSMEN WHO USE BREATHING."

AS I DODGED, I HEARD THE BAMBOO SPLITTING AND FALLING A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE BEHIND ME.
HE POSSESSED FEARSOME SPEED AND A LONG REACH.

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, I FELT A CHILL DOWN MY SPINE.
I SENSED THAT EVEN A SINGLE SCRATCH WOULD KILL ME.

HE HAD SEVEN HEARTS AND FIVE BRAINS.

AND IN THAT MOMENT, I COMPLETED MY SWORD FORMS.

THE COM-PLETE FORMS?!
EVEN THE 13TH?!
I WANT TO KNOW! TEACH ME!!

THE MAN APPEARED CONFUSED THAT HIS BODY WASN'T REGENERATING.
HE WAS SUPPORTING HIS SEVERED HEAD SO IT WOULDN'T FALL, BUT IT WOULDN'T RECONNECT.

I REALIZED THAT MY BRIGHT RED BLADE WOULD IMMEDIATELY WORK AGAINST EVEN THE PROGENITOR OF DEMONS.
THERE WAS SOME-THING...
...I NEEDED TO ASK HIM.

HE DIDN'T ANSWER ME.
HE MERELY LOOKED AT ME, BUT...

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF A LIFE TO YOU?

THEN...
...I GLANCED AT THE DEMON GIRL WITH HIM.

...PERHAPS DUE TO ANGER, HIS FACE TURNED DARK RED.
I THOUGHT MY WORDS HAD NOT REACHED HIM.

...AND SHE STARED AT THE MAN WITH THE SEVERED HEAD.
WITH HER EYES WIDE OPEN, SHE LEANED FOR-WARD...
SHE DID NOT ATTEMPT TO HELP HIM.

I DECIDED TO FINISH OFF THE MAN BEFORE DEALING WITH HER.

IT LOOKED ODDLY AS IF HER EYES WERE SHINING WITH HOPE.

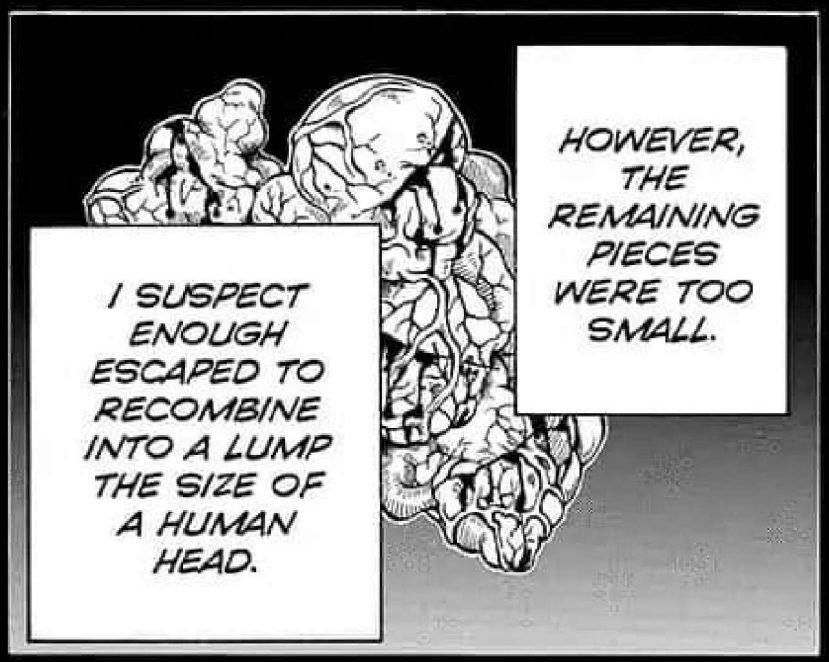
...I HEARD THE SOUND OF TEETH GRINDING.

WHEN I TOOK A STEP TOWARD HIM...

THE NEXT MOMENT, HIS BODY BURST OPEN WITH INCREDIBLE FORCE.

...I CUT A LITTLE MORE THAN 1,500 OF THEM.
OF THE 1,800 SCATTERED PIECES OF FLESH...

AS I STOOD THERE...


HOWEVER, THE REMAINING PIECES WERE TOO SMALL.
I SUSPECT ENOUGH ESCAPED TO RECOMBINE INTO A LUMP THE SIZE OF A HUMAN HEAD.

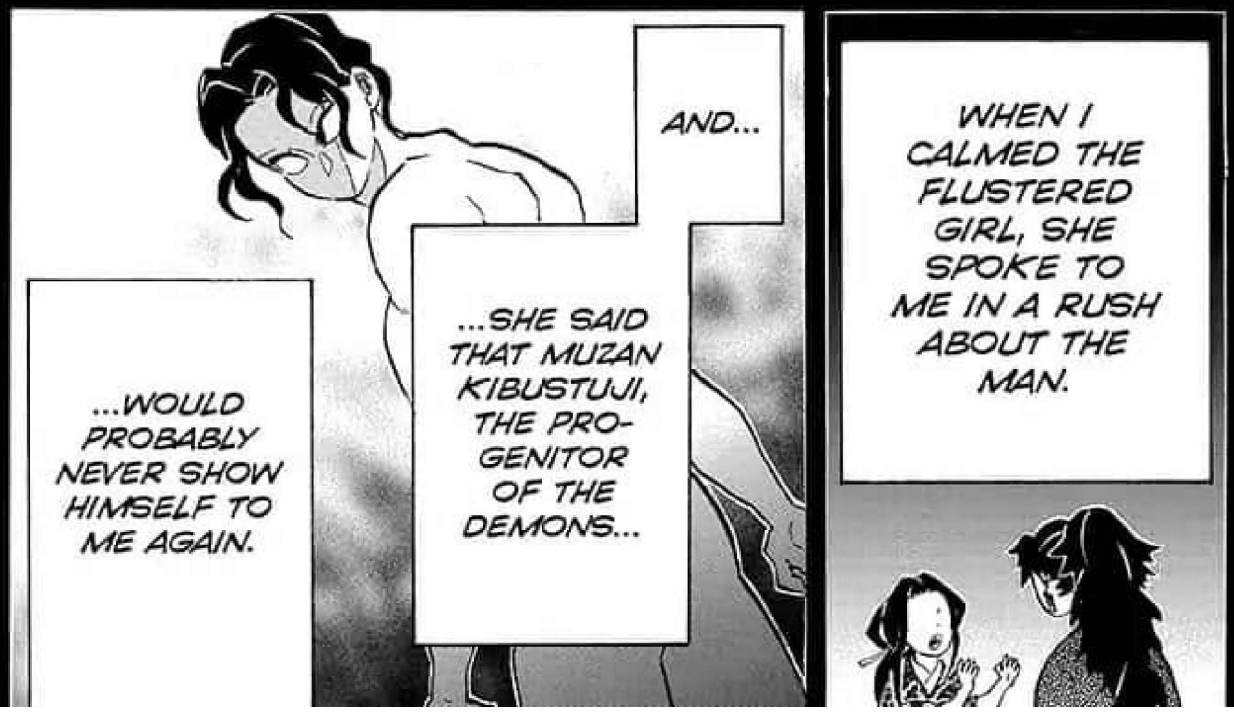
...THE GIRL LET OUT A CRY, AS IF WEEPING...
...AND I HEARD HER COLLAPSE.

THE GIRL FORCED OUT HER WORDS AND TORE AT HER HAIR.

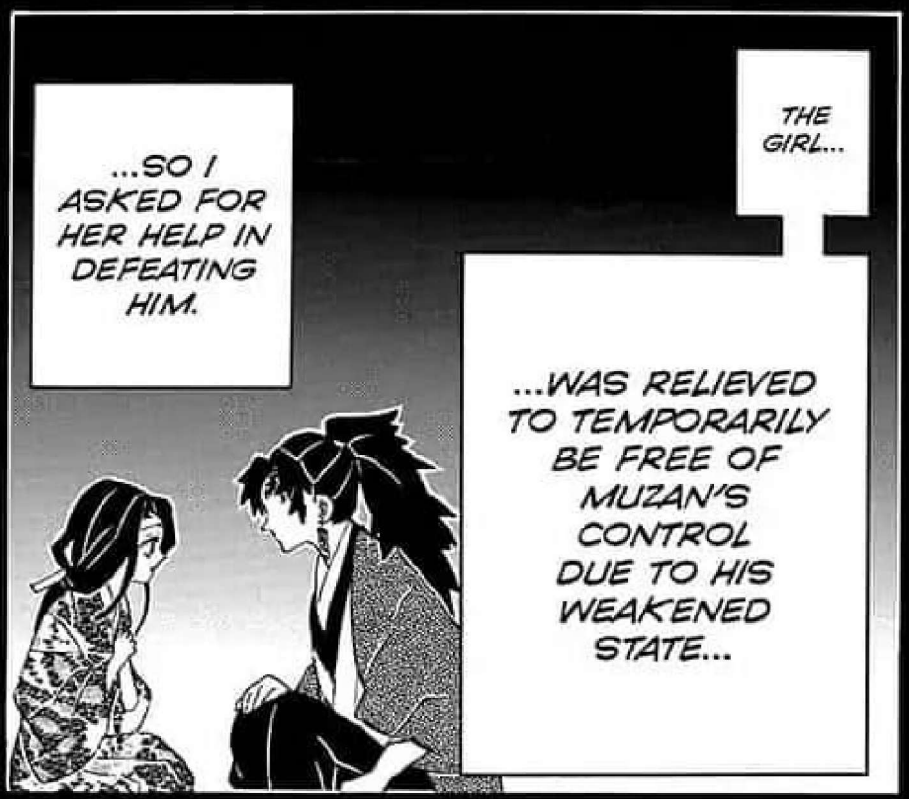
SO HE HAS OVERCOME THE WEAK-NESS OF BEHEAD-ING...
YOU ALMOST DID IT...

MUZAN KIBU-TSUJI!!
I WISH THAT FILTHY MAN HAD DIED!!

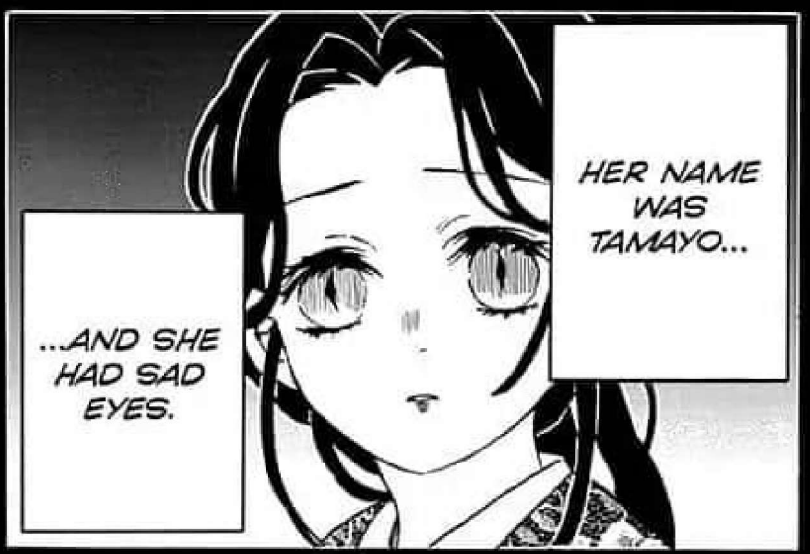
WHY AM I NOT DYING?
I'M NOT DYING...


WHEN I CALMED THE FLUSTERED GIRL, SHE SPOKE TO ME IN A RUSH ABOUT THE MAN.
AND...
...SHE SAID THAT MUZAN KIBUSTUJI, THE PRO-GENITOR OF THE DEMONS...
...WOULD PROBABLY NEVER SHOW HIMSELF TO ME AGAIN.

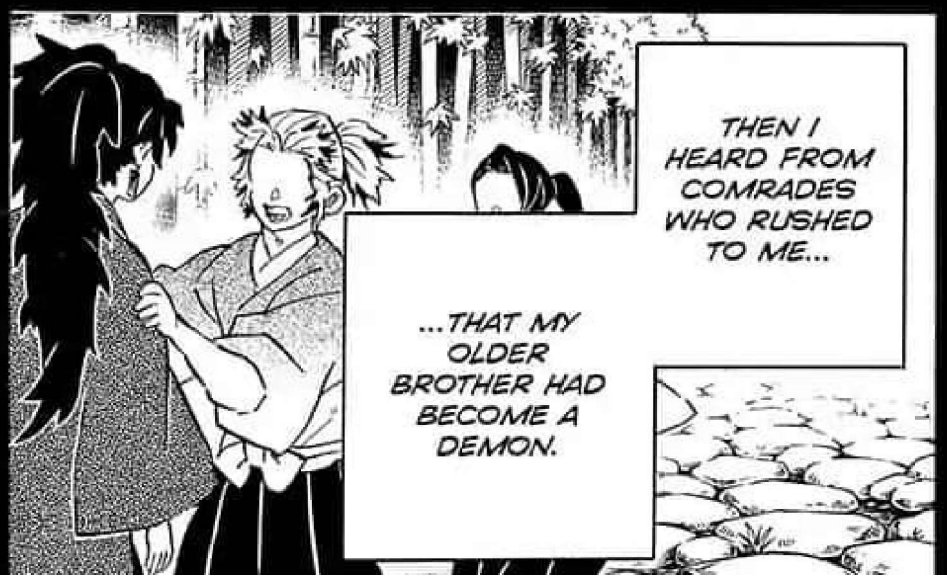
SHE WAS HESITANT AT FIRST, BUT SHE AGREED.


...SO I ASKED FOR HER HELP IN DEFEATING HIM.
THE GIRL...
...WAS RELIEVED TO TEMPORARILY BE FREE OF MUZAN'S CONTROL DUE TO HIS WEAKENED STATE...

TAMAYO ?!
THAT GIRL IS TAMAYO?!


HER NAME WAS TAMAYO...
...AND SHE HAD SAD EYES.

I...


THEN I HEARD FROM COMRADES WHO RUSHED TO ME...
...THAT MY OLDER BROTHER HAD BECOME A DEMON.

...AND MY BROTHER HAD BECOME A DEMON, SO THEY BANISHED ME FROM DEMON SLAYING.
...HAD FAILED TO DEFEAT KIBUTSUJI...
...AND I HAD ALLOWED TAMAYO TO ESCAPE...

MY MASTER, WHO HAD JUST BECOME OUR LEADER AT AGE SIX, WOULD NOT ALLOW THAT.

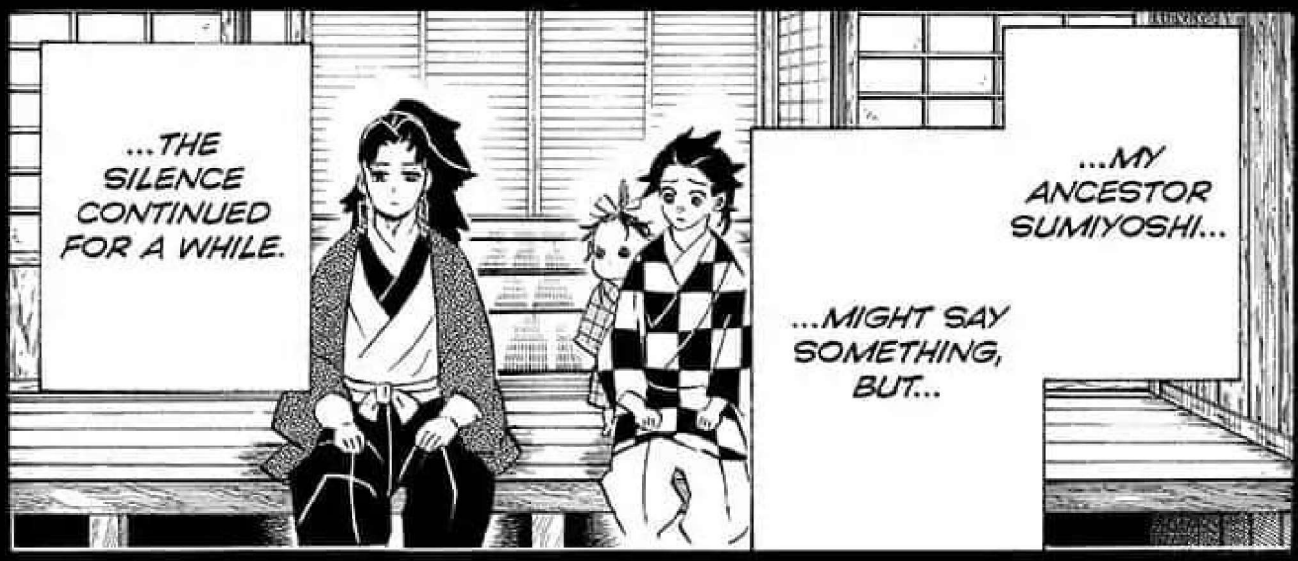
SOME EVEN SAID I SHOULD COMMIT SUICIDE.

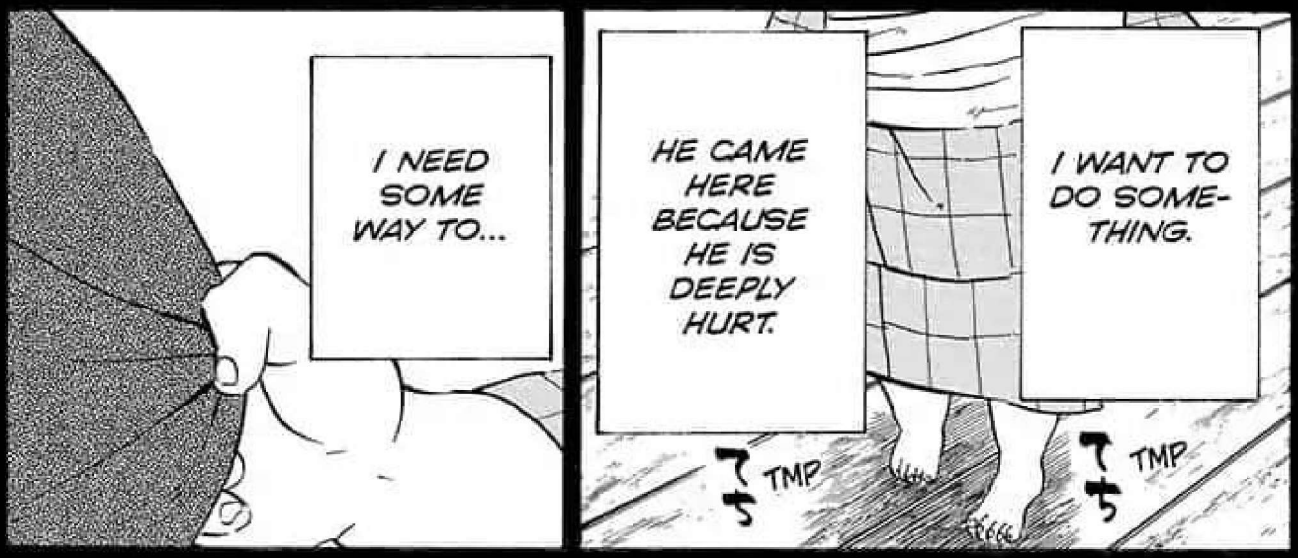
BUT IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT, YORIICHI...

...WHO HAD JUST LOST HIS FATHER.
I WAS SORRY TO FURTHER BURDEN A SUFFERING CHILD...

...I WAS BORN WITH SPECIAL STRENGTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFEATING MUZAN KIBUTSUJI.
I THINK...
BECAUSE OF THAT, MANY MORE PEOPLE WILL DIE FROM NOW ON.
IN THE END, I FAILED.
BUT I WAS LACKING.
AND THAT PAINS ME.

SO MANY THINGS HAD HAPPENED TO YORIICHI...
...
I CAN'T...
I THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS...
...THAT I COULDN'T FIND ANY WORDS TO OFFER.
... SPEAK.


...THE SILENCE CONTINUED FOR A WHILE.
...MY ANCESTOR SUMIYOSHI...
...MIGHT SAY SOMETHING, BUT...


I NEED SOME WAY TO...
HE CAME HERE BECAUSE HE IS DEEPLY HURT.
I WANT TO DO SOME-THING.
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TMP

HUG!

UM...
THEY'LL BE HAPPY IF YOU LIFT THIS LITTLE ONE HIGH, AND YOU'RE TALLER THAN I AM, SO...
...WOULD YOU MIND HOLDING THEM?

KYA HA HA!

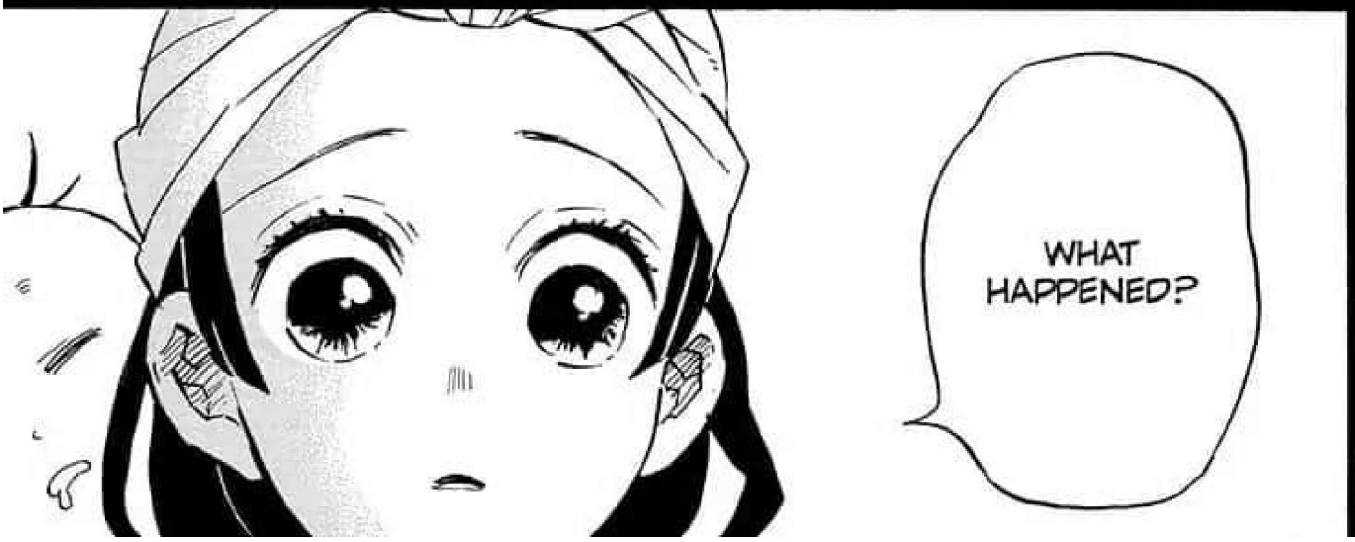
FLIP

KYA HA!
KYAH!
KYAAAH!
KYA HA HA!

KYA HA HA!

LOOK HOW BIG THE CHESTNUTS ARE THIS YEAR!

SUMIYOSHI, I'M BACK!


WHAT HAPPENED?

HM?
OH! IT'S YORIICHI!

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I'LL FEED YOU A NICE BIG MEAL!

OKAY?

WHY ARE YOU CRYING? I'M SURE IT'LL BE FINE!

COME ON!

SO CHEER UP!

...AND THAT YORIICHI DIED HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO, BUT...

I KNOW I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIGHT...

...I CAN'T HELP BUT WISH THAT HIS HEART WILL FIND EVEN A LITTLE PEACE.

Next chapter hits Dec. 22!

無職転生
呪術廻戦
芥見下々
彼女、お借りします
宮島礼吏
回復術士のやり直し
田中宏樹
EDENSZERO
真島ヒロ

絶世武陵
がんばれ同期ちゃん
魔王様のパン屋さん
農民の子孫
強
田口ボン
Sランク
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